

**DRAFT Snohomish Basin Policy Development Committee**  
**October 19, 2017 Meeting Summary**  
Gary Weikel Room, Willis Tucker Park, 9:30-12:00

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1. Agenda Overview and Introductions
  - The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.
  - Introductions were made; in attendance were:
    - Gretchen Glaub (Snohomish County)
    - Alexa Ramos (Snohomish County)
    - Elissa Ostergaard (Snoqualmie Forum)
    - Cindy Dittbrenner (Snohomish Conservation District)
    - Paul Crane (City of Everett)
    - Perry Falcone (Snoqualmie Forum)
2. The meeting started with much discussion around outreach and stewardship and the role of watershed stewards.
3. Status and Trends Report
  - SBPP Action Table: Forterra, Cindy, and Jim have provided feedback to Morgan. Elissa will meet with Beth and others to discuss how to go about getting their information to Morgan and how to answer her questions.
    - Paul mentioned the City of Everett's residential rain garden program. They're working with Forterra on the high density transit development to push green infrastructure. Gretchen will follow up with Paul and keep everyone updated via email.
    - Gretchen commented that Nick has said Snohomish County has updated their tree ordinance in a way that may not be the best for the canopy... So we may want to figure out how to share this information.
    - Gretchen also mentioned that she is meeting with the Port of Everett to help them better understand all the basin groups since they hold seats on the Tech. Comm., Forum, LIO IC, LIO EC, and also participated in the estuary working group. Let Gretchen know if there are any other priority topics that should be covered with them.
  - Restoration Target Tables: The group reviewed the draft and provided feedback. It was suggested to add contamination in the estuary from Sandy O'neil's work with WDFW as it relates to the orca emergency task force.
  - Perry suggested keeping in mind whether this will be a technical document or digestible for a broad audience.

- The original plan had a County split 60/40 so it would be nice to know how that breaks out.
  - Anchor QEA Scope of Work: Gretchen presented the draft SOW to the group for review. To be continued. Send along any input you have.
4. Capital Funding/PSAR Return Funds
- January is looking like the target we can hope for an agreed upon budget.
  - The Forum approved giving the \$7K left over money from this round to the Cherry Creek Project to help with their cost overrun. There are some hurdles that need to be worked through with RCO based on the cost increase. Next steps are to decide what to do with the PSAR return \$200K funds. Gretchen has asked the alternates to re-scope their projects and send her the most up to date information.
5. 4 YWP Update
- This is being updated per regional requirements. We're not sure how we'll be doing it yet, but will be communicating with PSP and RCO on our resource needs, etc. Others commented that we need to address the need for incentives to get at the buffer width issue. We also need to be leaders on regional issues e.g.) net pens.
6. December Forum Meeting
- Agenda items include: reallocation of return funds, Status & Trends update, and new SRC representative
    - There was disagreement around choosing a smaller city that doesn't attend the tech. Comm., Forum, PDC or have a full understanding of our basin. This would do a disservice to us to have someone like that representing our interest at this higher level. It was discussed whether we could utilize some capacity money to sponsor someone like Rodney with Sound Salmon Solutions to attend SRC meetings.
    - There was discussion about creating an ILA like WRIAs 8/9 have done. Their contributions are assessed based on land area, land value, population, etc. King County offsets costs to small cities via CWM grants. Elissa said we could borrow presentations they've used with the Snoqualmie Forum.
    - Gretchen mentioned she still wants to put together a Riparian Panel; perhaps in February.
  - PSRC Open Space: this project was discussed. Members are wondering how this tool is going to be used.
7. LIO/LE Improved Integration: The SWC has decided to function as the IC in the Stillaguamish. We will continue to monitor the status and update the Snohomish Basin groups. 2018 NTA pre-registration deadline is December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We should consider what, if any, salmon projects we want to include as placeholders.

8. Climate Change Coordination: The ag resilience plan and water storage project priorities will be taking the watershed characterization to the next level. We should all be coordinating on the different climate change work we're doing in the basin. Cindy will be putting together a work group meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> to get the ball rolling. Manuela Winter, with Snohomish County, has developed a climate change decision tool. DEM is also working on climate preparedness. Tulalip Tribes are doing related work as well.
9. PSAR/Program Improvements
  - The group reviewed the proposal. There were some concerns around reducing flexibility for the watersheds and limiting alternate projects.
10. Review Next Steps and Adjourn
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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